Please replace the text on Pages 2 and 3 of the Specification with the following amended paragraphs:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PENDING PATENT APPLICATIONS & CLAIMS FOR PRIORITY

The Present Patent Application is a Non-Provisional, Continuation-in-Part Patent Application. The Applicants claim the benefit of priority under Sections 119 & 120 for any subject matter which is commonly disclosed in the Present Application and in:

Pending Continuation-in-Part U.S. Patent Application IOS9601CIPC, Serial No. 10/755,200, filed on 9 January 2004;

Pending Continuation-in-Part U.S. Patent Application IOS9601CIPB, Serial No. 10/736,887, filed on 15 December 2003;

~~Pending~~ PCT International Patent Application IOS9601-B&C-PCT, PCT/GB04/*****000378, filed on 29 January 2004;

~~Pending~~ PCT International Patent Application ITS9601-CIPB-PCT, PCT/US03/32748, filed on 10 November 2003;

Abandoned Continuation-in-Part U.S. Patent Application ITS9601CIPA, U.S.S.N. 10/298,138, filed on 15 November 2002; and

Abandoned Parent U.S. Patent Application ITS9601, U.S.S.N. 09/918,705, filed on 30 July 2001.

Claim Amendments

1. (Amended Twice.) A method of operating a nuclear powered vehicle in orbit comprising the steps of:

~~operating a nuclear powered vehicle in orbit;~~

~~said nuclear powered vehicle including~~ providing said nuclear powered vehicle in orbit with a radiation shield (20) for protecting a detachable payload (15); ~~and~~

providing said nuclear powered vehicle ~~including~~ with a grasping means (14) extending outwardly therefrom at one end for docking and interacting with a plurality of other satellites; said grasping means (14) being configured for multiple use and for interacting with a plurality of different objects; said grasping means (14) including a plurality of segments;

configuring said plurality of segments to partially surround one of said plurality of different objects and to engage and to grasp said object without the need for any preconfigured docking interface on said object; and

providing controlled kinetic energy; said controlled kinetic energy for interacting with a plurality of other satellites.

3. (Original.) A method as recited in Claim 1, in which said controlled kinetic energy is used to move a satellite.